

<b>Module Title:</b>	Practice Placement - Assessment	<b>Level:</b>	4	<b>Credit Value:</b>	20
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<b>Module code:</b>	OCC404	<b>Is this a new module?</b>	NO	<b>Code of module being replaced:</b>	
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<b>Cost Centre:</b>	GATY	<b>JACS3 code:</b>	B930
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<b>Trimester(s) in which to be offered:</b>	2	<b>With effect from:</b>	September 17
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<b>School:</b>	Social & Life Sciences	<b>Module Leader:</b>	Liz Cade
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Scheduled learning and teaching hours	15hrs
Guided independent study	5hrs
Placement	180hrs
<b>Module duration (total hours)</b>	<b>200hrs</b>

<b>Programme(s) in which to be offered</b>	Core	Option
BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Pre-requisites</b>
NA

Office use only

Initial approval April 2017

APSC approval of modification N/A

Version 1

Have any derogations received Academic Board approval?

Yes

**Module Aims**

To develop skills and understanding in the process of assessment within occupational therapy practice and apply this within the scope of a specific practice education setting. This placement allows the student to integrate occupational therapy theory to practice. The student will develop and demonstrate professional, communication, organisation and management, reflective and therapeutic skills throughout the placement experience.

**Intended Learning Outcomes**

Key skills for employability

- KS1 Written, oral and media communication skills
- KS2 Leadership, team working and networking skills
- KS3 Opportunity, creativity and problem solving skills
- KS4 Information technology skills and digital literacy
- KS5 Information management skills
- KS6 Research skills
- KS7 Intercultural and sustainability skills
- KS8 Career management skills
- KS9 Learning to learn (managing personal and professional development, self-management)
- KS10 Numeracy

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1	Apply the key principles of assessment, select appropriate assessment tools and competently undertake a range of assessments within occupational therapy practice in the placement setting.	KS1	KS2
		KS3	KS4
		KS5	KS7
2	Construct effective and professional working relationships with service users, carers and staff within the team environment of the placement setting.	KS1	KS2
		KS3	KS5
		KS7	
3	Demonstrate professionalism and adherence to the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct (COT 2015) and the Guidance on Conduct and Ethics for Students (HCPC 2016)	KS1	KS2
		KS5	KS7
		KS9	

4	Apply procedures, policy and legislation appropriate to the placement setting	KS1	KS2
		KS3	KS4
		KS6	KS7
5	Demonstrate occupational therapy theory to underpin your practice within the placement setting	KS1	KS2
		KS3	KS4
		KS6	KS9
6	Demonstrate an ability to practice under the guidance of the practice educator, work autonomously where appropriate and recognise your level of competence ensuring safe practice.	KS1	KS2
		KS3	KS6
		KS7	KS9

**Transferable/key skills and other attributes**

Knowledge and skills learnt on placement will be transferable to following modules and allow integration of occupational therapy theory with practice. Personal attributes such as empathy, therapeutic use of self, reflection and professionalism have to be demonstrated and carry over to all placement modules.

**Derogations**

Students are permitted two attempts only in placement modules (COT 2014).

Placements are assessed to a pass, fail and excellence (although student transcripts will record pass/fail only). The pass and excellence grade achieve the credits awarded for the module. All placements must be passed and 1,000 successfully assessed hours of placement must be recorded (COT 2014, WFOT 2016), for students to progress and to register as a graduate occupational therapy practitioner with HCPC. Failed placement hours do not count towards the 1,000 hours required for successful completion of the programme.

All placement outcomes must be passed with each placement.

Students are not permitted to postpone completion of their placement when there is a likelihood of a refer predicted by both placement educator and university tutor, and there is an absence of acceptable extenuating circumstances.

**Assessment:**

The module is assessed through the use of a negotiated learning contract which outlines key learning specific to the placement. The learning contract should reflect and evidence the specific placement learning outcomes and how these have been achieved. The student must pass all learning outcomes to pass the placement module.

The designated practice educator is responsible for the assessment of a student's competence within the practice environment through the facilitation of practical learning opportunities. The educator can utilise other modes of assessment with the student to establish use of occupational therapy theory and philosophy underpinning their practice. These can include case study presentations, reflections and a continuing professional development portfolio.

Additional learning where the student exceeds the expected learning outcomes and demonstrates excellence in practice can be rewarded. This is achieved with a minimum of 13 out of 19 learning outcomes (as identified in the Practice Education Handbook) at 'excellent pass' (equivalent to 70%) and at least one at this level within each skill set.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)	Duration (if exam)	Word count (or equivalent if appropriate)
1	All	Practical	100%	NA	NA

**Learning and Teaching Strategies:**

Students will be utilising experiential learning to integrate occupational therapy theory to practice and to apply skills and knowledge to learning opportunities. Observation, modelling and practical clinical environments will be used to facilitate student learning. The student will be expected to use guided and self-directed study through independent learning strategies throughout the placement. Student centred learning will be guided by the use of a learning contract that formally sets out the desired learning relevant to the placement and how this will be achieved. Other opportunities including supervision, reflection, tutorials, peer learning, in-service training and continuing professional development will enhance placement learning.

**Syllabus outline:**

Students will be allocated a 6 week part time placement from a range of clinical settings dependent upon the students learning needs and profile of previous experience. Each student is placed with a designated practice educator who has usually undergone the accredited practice educator training or is experienced in taking students. The focus of this placement is on the first element of the occupational therapy process which is 'assessment'. Students are expected to explore the process of assessment, range of tools and resources and be able to competently carry out assessments by the end of the placement. Students continue to attend

the university one day per week throughout the placement as this allows peer and tutor support as well as sessions which enhance placement learning.

**Bibliography:**

**Essential reading**

Healey, J. and Spencer, M. (2008) *Surviving your Placement in Health and Social Care: A Student Handbook*. Maidenhead: Open University Press McGraw Hill.

Polglase, T. and Treseder, R. (2012) *The Occupational Therapy Handbook: Practice Education*. Keswick: M&K Publishing

**Other indicative reading**

There may be indicative reading relevant to the placement setting and area of practice which practice educators may deem necessary to enhance the placement learning